

Weather Forecast
Partly cloudy Tuesday; local rain in extreme south Florida. Slightly cooler north and central.

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Good Morning—
When men are easy in their circumstances, they are naturally enemies to innovations.—Addison.

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COURTS OF NATION PROBING MURDERS; MINERS TELL VETERANS TO LOOK AT HOME

TRIALS OF FAMOUS CASES IN VARIOUS STATES SUM UP UNUSUAL CRIME WAVE

Marian McArdle Will Be Judged By Several Women Jurors for Alleged Murder of Step Father

(By Associated Press.)
Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—Three tentative jurors were seated to try Marian McArdle, charged with the first degree murder of Daniel F. Kaber, her step-father, when the first day of her trial came to a close today. At the trial of Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber, the girl's mother, who was convicted of Kaber's murder and sentenced to life, the defense succeeded in keeping women off the jury, but an objection was offered by the defense today and five were in the box. Throughout the monotonous questioning of the talesmen Miss McArdle's attitude was in almost direct contrast to that of her mother when she was on trial. Miss McArdle's outward appearances, was the

ALLEGED SLAYER OF FIVE HUSBANDS IS ARRAIGNED IN AN IDAHO COURT

(By Associated Press.)
Twin Falls, Idaho, Oct. 3.—A substance used as an insect exterminator supplied the theme out which was woven the stories of the first two witnesses of the state to testify in the case of Lydia Meyer Southard, charged with the murder of Edward F. Meyer, a former husband. The state claims to have evidence that poison secured from the exterminator was administered by Mrs. Southard in her husband's food. The opening statement by Prosecuting Attorney Stephens delivered immediately following the securing of a jury did not go outside the case of Meyer, although Stephens has stated that he is prepared to submit evidence showing her to be responsible for the death of three former husbands, and a brother of one of these, in each instance, the state charges, being committed by means of poison derived from the exterminator.

The first witness for the state, a nursing home keeper of Mustatin, Iowa, a time house where Meyer's father resided, told of the defendant bringing packages of the exterminator to the ranch and setting it about the house in saucers of water. She testified in detail the illness of Meyer, and of conversations in which the defendant said "she would call a doctor and then no one would have anything to say." She testified that following the removal of Meyer from the ranch to a hospital she found two packages of the poison in a drawer beneath some papers in the room occupied by the Meyers. Mrs. Southard was arrested recently in Honolulu where she was living with her fifth husband, a naval officer.

Imperial Wizard Is Summoned to Capital Probing

(By Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Oct. 3.—W. J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was today requested by Chairman Campbell, of the house rules committee, to come to Washington on October 11 on the hearing of the Klan, and will be there it was announced late today, by Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, head of the order's propagation department. Col. Simmons was reported ill at his home but Mrs. Tyler said he would appear before the committee "even if he has to be taken on a stretcher," and that probably other officers of the Klan would accompany him.

DEFENSE MADE MRS. NOVITZY MAD AND SHE TOLD IT ALL

Purported Wife of One of First Arrests in Pope Case Testifies

SIX IDENTIFIED THE CAR

Testified They Saw It, With Pope In It, Just Before Shooting

(By Associated Press.)
Jacksonville, Oct. 3.—With the introduction of six witnesses the state sought this afternoon to weave a web of circumstantial evidence around John H. Pope, on trial on a charge of murder. These witnesses were called in support of the testimony of Erwin Novitzky and his purported wife. John Novitzky who testified that Pope borrowed their car on the night of September 4 and rode off with Frank Rawlings, who later robbed the Palace theatre and killed George H. Hickman, its manager.

Another One in Florida

(By Associated Press.)
West Palm Beach, Oct. 3.—In order to complete the jury for the trial of John J. Lewis, Papokee planter charged with the murder of his former business associate, James Joyce, the sheriff deputies were compelled to travel all the way to Delray, twenty miles south, as all the available possibilities had been exhausted from other sources of the county with the scores of excuses on the plea of prejudice against capital punishment and circumstantial evidence. Six state witnesses were examined today. Final arguments are expected to be made Friday.

Alleged Slayer of Priest

(By Associated Press.)
Redwood City, Cal., Oct. 3.—Eleven prospective jurors tentatively accepted by state and defense were in the box when court adjourned tonight at the end of the first day of the trial of William A. Hightower on charges of murdering Father Patrick E. Heslin, Catholic priest of Colma. The state had exercised four of its ten peremptory challenges and the defense three of its twenty.

J. Harry Dunlap, who swore out a warrant charging David Bender an escaped Maryland convict since returned to serve out his sentence, with the slaying of Father Heslin, was arraigned today on a charge of perjury. The district attorney said there was no evidence to connect Bender with the killing. Bender was employed as a detective by Hightower's counsel.

St. Pete Physician Held on Bad Charge

(By Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Oct. 3.—Dr. T. H. Green, local physician, charged with a statutory offense, will be placed on trial Tuesday morning, it was announced today by court officials. The charge was preferred against the doctor by a 19-year old wife whose husband also is being held on a charge of assault with intent to kill as a result of a demand according to the authorities, made at the point of a pistol by the husband on Dr. Green for \$4,000.

SIR L. WORTHINGTON-EVANS



Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, British secretary of state for war, is almost certain to be one of Great Britain's four delegates to the international conference on limitation of armaments and Far East questions in Washington.

RUSSIA NEVER SO TYRANNICAL AS IN U. S. SAYS REPORT

Pennsylvania Authorities Terrorized Laborers On Strike

SENSATIONAL REPORTS

Inter-Church World Men Issue Their Official Statement

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 3.—Two hundred affidavits charging violation of civil rights through alleged acts of terrorism by the authorities of Western Pennsylvania during the steel strike of 1919, were made public by the Commission of Inquiry of the Inter-Church World Movement tonight.

These charges were contained in a supplementary report written by George Soule, which gave the basis for the commission's finding in its main inquiry that the steel strike made thousands of citizens believe that our institutions were not democratic or not democratically administered and that local magistrates and police often tried to break strikes with the aid of state and federal authorities.

The commission's report declared that the steel corporations actively engaged in "local politics" and dominated the local governments, adding that "the moment any subordinate in the mill begins actively to oppose the political machine, he becomes a marked man."

"Often political candidates are themselves members of the mill management," the report added, "having the power of discharge, but in any case the superintendents and foremen take an active part in electioneering."

Watchers At The Polls
"There are always watchers from the mill lounging about the polls. The chances of corruption, either through threat or through bribe, which are latent in this possibility are obviously large."

An important element in the whole (Continued on Page 6)

TOLL COLLECTIONS ON RIVER BRIDGE UNDER DISCUSSION

County Commissioners to Act on Suspension of Former Tender

IS SUSPENDED BY BURT

Committee Asks for Revision of Methods of Procedure

Several important matters were on for consideration before the county commissioners at their regular monthly session yesterday, chief among these being that of collection tolls of the St. Johns river bridge, reinstatement of a suspended bridge tender and an arrangement in chronological order of procedure of the commissioners, clerk, tax collector and tax assessor.

Discussion of conditions on the bridge was brought up by an appeal of H. S. Bennett, former bridge tender, for reinstatement. Bennett was suspended by Commissioner Burt for "conduct unbecoming a gentleman," and for other causes which Mr. Burt said he will submit to the commissioners to back up his action.

The old question of declining revenues from the bridge with the tenure of service of bridge tenders is again involved. Commissioner Burt has kept a careful record of these revenues, and strangely enough they take a decided jump when a new bridge tender is appointed, and then gradually decline. It is expected that the commissioners will thresh the entire matter out today.

Want Method of Procedure

Judge Walton, Randall Wells and Edward Watkins appeared before the commissioners to ask that a chronological program for guidance in properly conducting the affairs of the county be prepared. Judge Walton pointed out that practically every tax levy made in this county for the last several years has been illegal, that tax certificates issued are practically worthless and that whenever there is a test made of cases depending on the proper carrying out of laws relating to advertising and proper action by resolution of the county board it is shown that there has been either a misinterpretation of the law or total ignorance of it. It is highly important, Judge Walton said, that not only the commissioners, but each county officer, is furnished with a chronological list of the official routine he must follow to properly validate actions by officials in order that they will stand the test of the courts. The matter was referred to the county attorney.

Want Cantrell for Demonstrator

A petition was presented by the citizens of Penial and East Palatka asking that Llano Cantrell be appointed as county demonstration agent. It developed that the University Extension at Gainesville, who usually recommend county demonstration agents that are to receive government as well as county compensation, had already selected an agent, and Director McQuarrie vouched for his efficiency and qualifications. The board took the view that so long as it bears the responsibility of such selection that it should be consulted before appointments are made, and deferred the matter. Mr. McQuarrie intimated that it was not the policy of the agricultural department to reappoint an agent who had once served and against whom there had been complaint.

Commissioner Upchurch's motion that the county engineers be instructed to prepare plans for two bridges on creeks between Botswick and Springside was passed. These bridges will be on roads connecting these two (Continued on page 6.)

ELLERY V. SELLECK



Ellery V. Selleck of St. Louis is one landlord who believes in children. He advertised a seven-room apartment on these terms: Family without children, \$125; with one child, \$120; with two children, \$115; with three children, \$110; with four or more children, \$100, and one month's rent free.

FICKLE WEATHER HAS PLAYED HAVOC WITH SOME OF THE CROPS

Only Bread Crops Show Normal Yield—Apple Crop a Failure

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 3.—Phenomenal heat accumulated which has marked weather conditions all over the northern hemisphere this year has produced equally remarkable and erratic output of agricultural crops, according to summaries of American and foreign production compiled for and by the agriculture department. The world's bread crop, curiously enough, came to abundant fruition in spite of drought and heat, which persisted all during the growing season. The world in 1921, up to September 30, it was indicated, would have a total crop 157,000,000 bushels greater than in 1920.

By another freak fruit crops almost in a world wide sense met havoc from cold in a season which has set new records everywhere for solar heat. This paradox was occasioned by the fact that last February the sun got at its work of bringing spring wheat in advance of normal and trees and shrubs responded by budding out and finally coming into flower and bloom by March in nearly all areas where fruit is grown. Frost could not be averted on all the nights, however, and this year the United States will produce about 159,000,000 bushels of apples against 244,000,000 bushels in 1920. Only the orchards of the Pacific coast, northern New England and northern New York escaped. Cotton, however, suffered greatly, and the agricultural department experts assign the weather as perhaps the principal cause for a fifty per cent. reduction in output.

Probe of Texas Shooting by Klan Held Up for Time

(By Associated Press.)
Waco, Tex., Oct. 3.—Official investigation of the wounding of ten men at Lorena Saturday night when Sheriff Bob Buchanan (of McLennan county, made a futile attempt to stop a Ku Klux Klan parade, was held in abeyance today pending the outcome of the injuries received by those most seriously wounded in the fight. Governor Neff in an editorial statement today expressed "great regret that such a thing should occur anywhere in the state."

A delegation of Lorena citizens appeared before County Attorney Tierney and asked that justice be done. This

ACTIVITIES IN STRIKE CASES PROVOKES AN OUT POURING

More Radical Advocate Denouncing the War Veterans

SIDESTEP PROHIBITION

Resolution Declares It Purely "a Social Question"

(By Associated Press.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 3.—Although refusing to condemn the American Legion because of alleged strike breaking activities of some of its members the convention of the United Mine Workers of America today adopted a resolution committee report calling on Legion officials to "put their house in order." The action came after several delegates had appeared vehemently for the convention to go on record in unqualified condemnation of the Legion.

Among the resolutions adopted were those favoring immediate nationalization of coal mines and railroads, the repeal of the espionage laws and amnesty for all political prisoners and self determination for Ireland.

Slide Steps Prohibition

The convention side stepped taking a stand on prohibition when the issue was brought up by resolutions favoring light wines and beer. No action was taken on these resolutions the committee advising such a course with a statement that the prohibition question "is purely a social question," on which each citizen has his own views.

The committee report dealing with the American Legion cited the Legion's constitution as proof that the world war veterans organization "shall be a force of law and order," adding that acts of individual members had justly wrought condemnation on the legion and that the "tyranny practiced by Legion members through force is in direct violation" of the federal constitution, as well as that of their order.

Minister Sent to Prison; Renounced Mother of Eight

(By Associated Press.)
Merian, Miss., Oct. 3.—The limit of the law, a \$500 fine and six months in prison, was imposed upon Rev. W. E. Bennett, Nazarene preacher after his conviction today upon a statutory charge.

Bennett has testified that the woman with whom he lived for 23 years and who was the mother of his eight children was not his wife and claimed his only legal marriage was to a young woman from Texas whom he recently has been living with. The court held that the mother of his children was his wife under Louisiana law. The couple had been living in Deridder, La., until the time of Bennett's alleged desertion of his family.

action followed the drawing up of a resolution yesterday in which Sheriff Buchanan and his men were blamed for the disturbance, it being stated that the paraders intended no violation of the law.

A verbal statement today by Louis Crow, who received dangerous knife wounds that he knew his assailant, has caused a stir of interest among the authorities.